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# Foreword

This text is one of a collection of national monographs which have appeared under the aegis of the International Encyclopaedia for Labour Law and Industrial Relations. The Encyclopaedia, taken as a whole, will provide intellectual stimulus and a wealth of detailed information for scholars and practitioners seeking a comparative and transnational perspective on problems of labour law and industrial relations. However, it is a reference publication, rather than one which is likely to be within easy reach of those who seek knowledge about their own domestic system.

Because no broad, up-to-date general survey of Canadian labour law presently exists the authors, with the co-operation of the editor-in-chief, Professor R. Blanpain, and the publisher, Messrs. Kluwer, have decided to make this Canadian monograph available as a separate volume. We hope that it will provide advocates and administrators, management and labour, and especially students, with an overview of all aspects of Canadian labour law, and, to some extent, of its social, economic and political context.

At the same time, we urge readers to regard this work as the starting point for their reading, rather than as a final destination. The law of labour is becoming, for better or worse, infinitely and regressively complex. We do not claim that we have been able to reproduce each detail of the law as it stood at the moment we laid down our pens (roughly August, 1979) let alone to foretell subsequent developments with infallible accuracy.

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